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1. GIVEN ABOMINABLE STATE OUR COMMUNICATIONS, NOT SURE WE HAVE ALL OR LATEST MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT. AS OF TWENTY FOUR MARCH UNDERSTAND AS FOLLOWS, ASSUMING REF ALPHA SUPERSEDES REF BRAVO.

2. JASPER PLUS TWO PARSONS-JURDENS REPS PROPOSE ARRIVE LUBUMBASHI TWENTY SIX MARCH DEPARTING FOR KINSHASA MARCH TWENTY NINE.

3. JASPER PLUS SIX REPS FROM MCKEE AND DRAVO PROPOSE ARRIVE LUBUMBASHI APRIL TWO AND DEPART FOR KINSHASA APRIL FIVE.

4. RE PARA THREE, WE FORESEE NO PROBLEMS UNLESS UMBA/SGM NEGOTIATIONS IN KINSHA ATTENUATE UNDULY. DUBIOUS THAT UMBA WILL BE AVAILABLE HERE THIS WEEK. IF HE RETURNS ABOUT MARCH
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TWENTY EIGHT FROM KINSHASA , LIKELY WOULD BE IN CONNECTION

WITH PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WHICH COULD CHEW UP ALL HIS AVAILABLE TIME. FROM TELECONS WITH KINSHASA WE ASSUME UMBA ENDORSES PLANS PARA TWO AND THREE ABOVE EVEN IF HE CANNOT PRIORLY MEET WITH ONE OR BOTH GROUPS. ACTION REQUESTED: KINSHASA PLEASE CONFIRM FOREGOING SENTENCE ASAP.

5. RE PARA TWO ABOVE, WE ASUME REFS CHARLIE AND DELTA NOT RECEIVED STATE AND COMMERCE PRIOR DISPATCH ON REF ALPHA. IN ANY EVENT HOPE PARSONS-JURDENS ON NOTICE ON POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES ON UNFORTUNATE TIMING. CONSULATE, GECAMINES WILL DO UTMOST ASSURE SUCCESSFUL VISIT. BEST FACT IS THAT PRESIDENTIAL VISIT CAN SWEEP ALL BEFORE (AND AFTER) IT.

6. SCHEDULE SLIPPAGES VIS-A-VIS APRIL EIGHTEEN SUBMISSION TARGET HAVE CREATED SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH RESPECT RFP'S HELD HERE FOR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ON TEAMS (REF DELTA) WILL HAND PACKAGE TO PARSONS-JURDENS NEXT WEEK. AS FOR OTHERS, GECAMINES HAS PROMISED PROMISE ASAP ADDITIONAL SETS FOR US TO SEND VIA FIRST AIR POUCH(NOTE: TWO WEEKS AVERAGE TRANSMIT TIME HERE TO WASHINGTON). WE SHALL HOLD DUPLICATE SETS HERE FOR ARRIVING REPS. INTERNATIONAL MAIL MIGHT SAVE FEW DAYS BUT POTENTIAL FOR LOSS IS HIGH. WE SPECULATE ODDS NOT BAD THAT GECAMINES MIGHT GRANT REASONABLE EXTENSION OF PROPOSALS DEADLINE.

7. ARE FLUOR-UTAH, ECHEL, AND KAISER COMING? DID STEARNS-ROOR DROP OUT?

8. RE REF ECHO GECAMINES HAS SENT TO EIMCO RFP FOR FILTRATION UNITS. COMPANY NOT FAMILIAR WITH OTHER TWO FIRMS MENTIONED, PER SAQUET.

9. RE REF ALPHA, ONLY TENTATIVE PLANS CAN BE AGREED BETWEEN GECAMINES AND CONSULATE FOR FIRST GROUP. PER ABOVE. FIRMER SCHEDULE FOR SECOND GROUP, ALONG LINES PARA FOUR, REF DELTA, WILL BE ATTEMPTED THIS WEEK. NO RPT NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE VERIFIED, MADE, OR CONFIRMED WITH AIR ZAIRE HERE WITHOUT TICKETS FIRMLY IN HAND. LODGING WE WILL MANAGE SOMEHOW.

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10. I SHALL BE HERE FOR BOTH SEGMENTS ON VISIT. JUNIOR

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